Dear Graduates and Friends of Yale Law School,

During the past three years, this page has sketched the myriad ways in which today’s Yale Law School pursues its 21st century goals of globalization, renewal, professionalism, and public service. This Yale Law Report issue explores the last: how members of our community daily pursue lives not of selfishness, but of service.

Some imagine that few present-day Yale law students travel the once heavily trod path from military service to the Sterling Law Buildings. But in fact, as our cover story shows, no fewer than nine current students have completed active military duty, and their Yale Law Veterans Association now brings career military perspectives to our ongoing debate over public values. As Owen Fiss’s essay suggests, since September 11, that debate has been shaped by the challenges that a claimed “war against terrorism” poses to our constitutional traditions. But if, as he argues, that vision should not drive future public discourse, what ideas should? For one answer, see the “wish list” presented within by various faculty members, suggesting how a new Administration could democratize, school choice, the environment, health care, family and tax policy, gay and lesbian rights, the war on drugs, and the revolution in corporate governance. (To add your thoughts on how the next Administration might restore our reputation on human rights, check out our new, interactive Yale Law Report website [www.law.yale.edu/ylr], whereby alumni readers can comment about this and other stories in this issue.)

Elsewhere, this issue surveys other ways in which our community advances the public good. The Arthur Linton Public Interest Program celebrated its tenth anniversary with an electrifying call to service by Newark Mayor Cory Booker ’93. The Robert L. Bernstein International Human Rights Fellowship Symposium reached its 10-year mark by examining Bob Bernstein’s abiding passion—human rights in China—only weeks before a delegation of 100 Yale students and professors toured China at the invitation of President Hu Jintao. Our new Supreme Court Professors touring China at the invitation of President Hu Jintao. Our new Supreme Court Professors examined Bob Bernstein’s abiding passion—human rights in China—only weeks before a delegation of 100 Yale students and professors toured China at the invitation of President Hu Jintao. Our new Supreme Court Professors toured China at the invitation of President Hu Jintao.

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